

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

- Amendments -

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be amended as indicated in the accompanying amended page(s), in which:

- Claims 1, and 4 to 9 are amended to better define the invention; and
- Claims 2, 10, and 11 are cancelled.

By these amendments, claims 1, and 4 to 9 are pending. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

- Remarks -

35 USC §103(a)

Applicant takes this opportunity to thank the Examiner for her detailed remarks and explanations as provided in the Advisory Action dated 11 December 2008. Applicant has reviewed said remarks and explanations into consideration, and found them to be of significant assistance.

In this response, Applicant seeks to amend independent claim 1 to better distinguish over the teachings of Enomoto et al. (US 5,974,401) and Wen (US 6,109,745).

In addition to minor amendments to improve the readability and clarity of claim 1, claim 1 is further amended to recite an additional step of providing the digital photofinishing system with a replaceable combined paper-ink cartridge storing a roll of plain paper and a supply of inks, said cartridge being slidably inserted into a housing portion of the photofinishing system to be engaged with a printhead of the printer and an ink feed means for feeding ink from the combined paper-ink cartridge to the printer.

Further, claim 1 is amended to recite that said processing step includes image modifications for modifying an appearance of the image.

Lastly, claim 1 is amended to also recite that the step of effecting page-width printing of the photographic image includes matching a printing speed to a rate at which the printer drive signal is generated, whereby the photographic image as a whole is printed at one constant speed.

Applicant believes that the above features, in combination with the other features already recited in claim 1, are not taught or suggested by the combination of Enomoto et al. and Wen. Applicant seeks the Examiner's review of and comments on the above additional features in light of the cited references.

Other Amendments

Claims 2, 10 and 11 are cancelled from the present application.

Furthermore, claims 4 to 9 are amended to be consistent with the amendments made to claim 1.

Applicant looks forward to word of further official communication in due course.

Very respectfully,

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